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WAR STORIES

Part I

It is a time of uncertainty in the galaxy. Standing against the oppression of the First Order is General Organa's Resistance, including Poe Dameron and his team of pilots – Black Squadron.

Crime lord Terex has been recently defeated by Black Squadron and taken captive by Commander Malarus of the First Order, his former employers. Malarus has placed a device in Terex's brain to render him servile and is using him to target the Resistance supply chain.

Against all odds, Black Squadron has acquired a fuel shipment from a First Order convoy. In response, Commander Malarus has been commanded to destroy Poe Dameron and crew at any cost. Meanwhile, a new problem looms for Leia Organa's Resistance....

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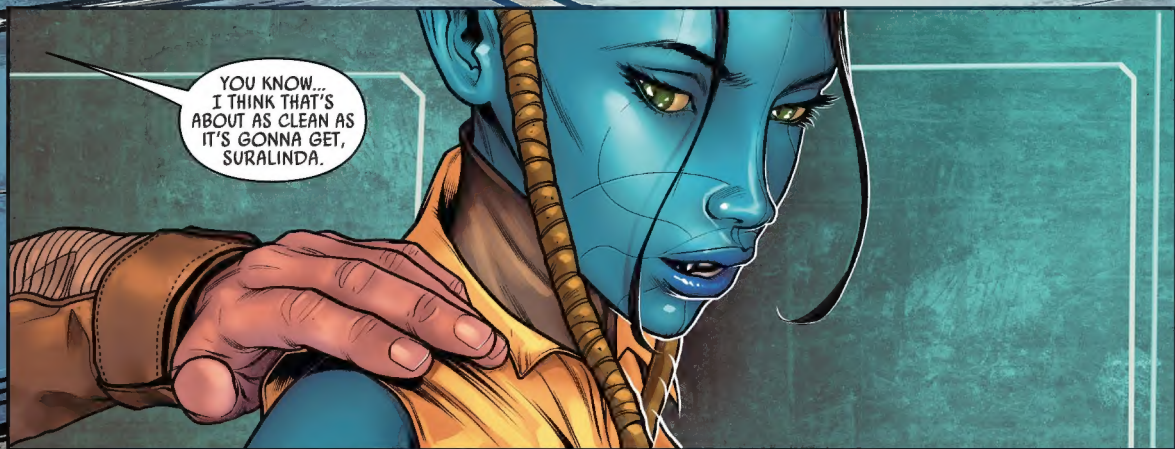


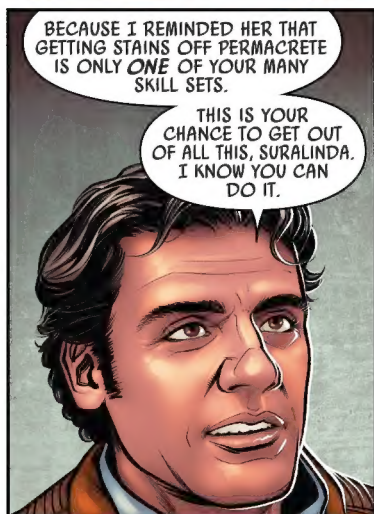
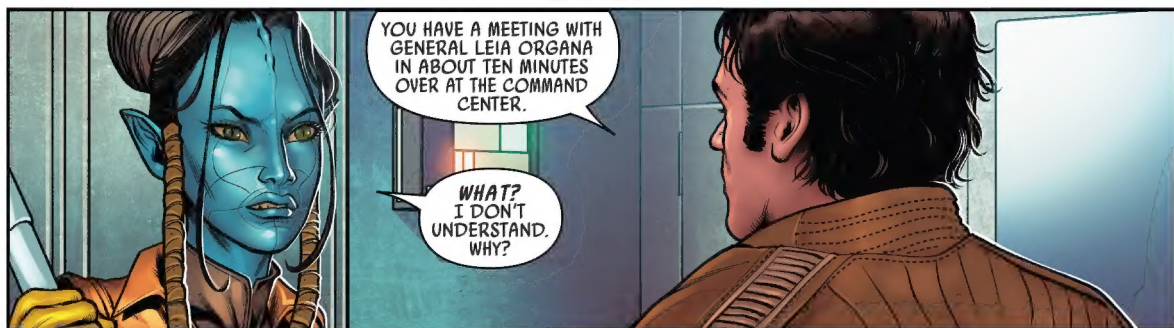
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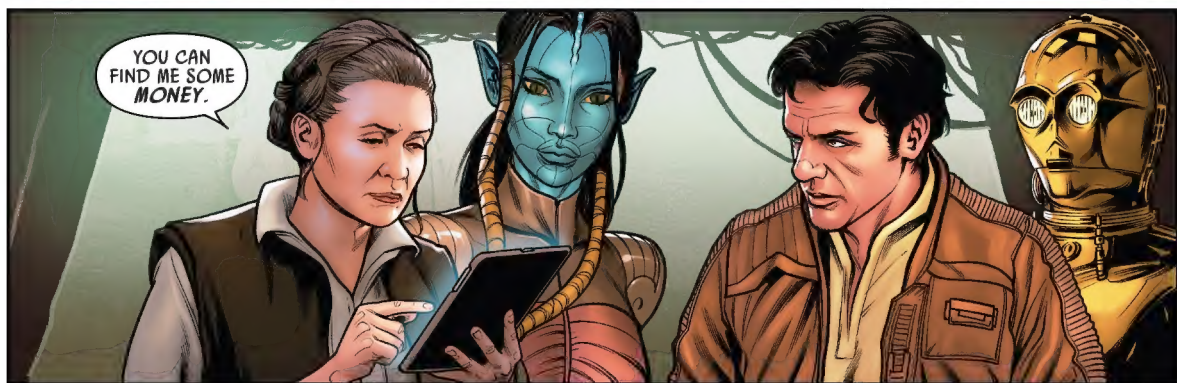
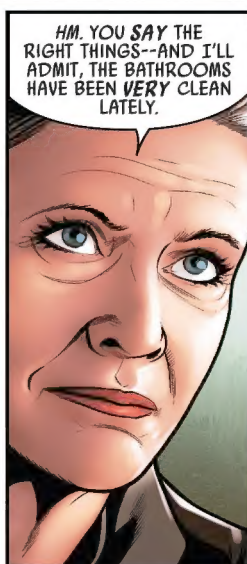
COME ON...
GET **CLEAN!**
MY ARM'S ABOUT
TO FALL
OFF!



YOU KNOW...
I THINK THAT'S
ABOUT AS CLEAN AS
IT'S GONNA GET,
SURALINDA.









THE RESISTANCE IS SHORT ON RESOURCES. PILOTS, GROUND CREW, SHIPS, BASIC NECESSITIES... EVERYTHING.

ALL WE'VE REALLY GOT IS **FUEL**, THANKS TO AN INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS MISSION POE JUST COMPLETED WITH BLACK SQUADRON.

NOTHING TO IT.



WE'VE BEEN FUNDED SO FAR FROM VARIOUS SOURCES ACROSS THE GALAXY SYMPATHETIC TO OUR CAUSE, BUT THAT'S BEGINNING TO DRY UP.

WE **NEED** THOSE DONATIONS, BUT PEOPLE...PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE MOVED ON.



NO ONE SEES THE FIRST ORDER AS A **THREAT**. THEIR PET POLITICIANS SUPPORT THEM IN THE SENATE AND CONVINCE THE GALAXY THEY'RE HARMLESS...

PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO THINK I'M CRAZY FOR OPPOSING THEM--OR WORSE, THAT THIS **RESISTANCE** IS SOMEHOW A DANGER!

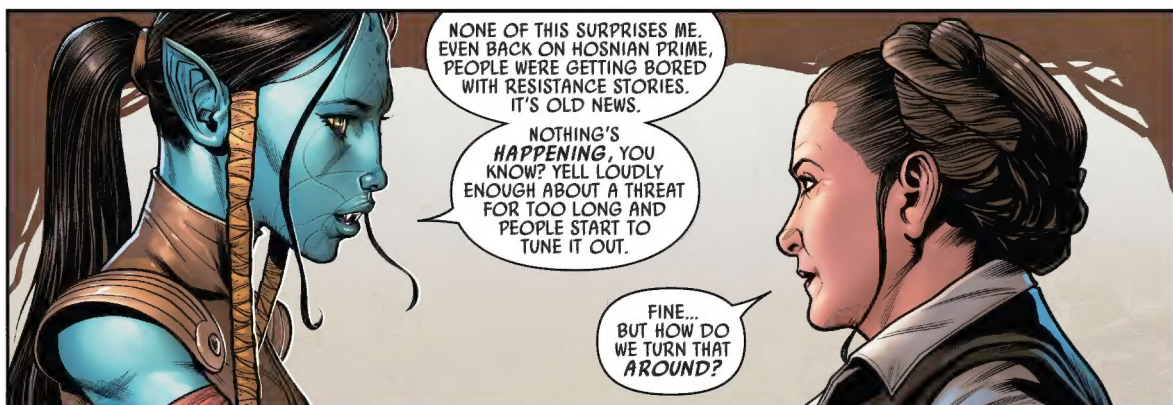
IF WE LOSE THE BATTLE FOR PUBLIC OPINION...



YOU LOSE, FULL STOP. I GET IT. YOU WANT MY HELP BECAUSE YOU THINK I'M GOOD AT--



MANIPULATION.



NONE OF THIS SURPRISES ME. EVEN BACK ON HOSNNIA PRIME, PEOPLE WERE GETTING BORED WITH RESISTANCE STORIES. IT'S OLD NEWS.

NOTHING'S **HAPPENING**, YOU KNOW? YELL LOUDLY ENOUGH ABOUT A THREAT FOR TOO LONG AND PEOPLE START TO TUNE IT OUT.

FINE... BUT HOW DO WE TURN THAT AROUND?



FIRST, A LITTLE LESS SECRET. YOU'LL WANT TO LEAK SOME INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE REALLY DOING OUT HERE.

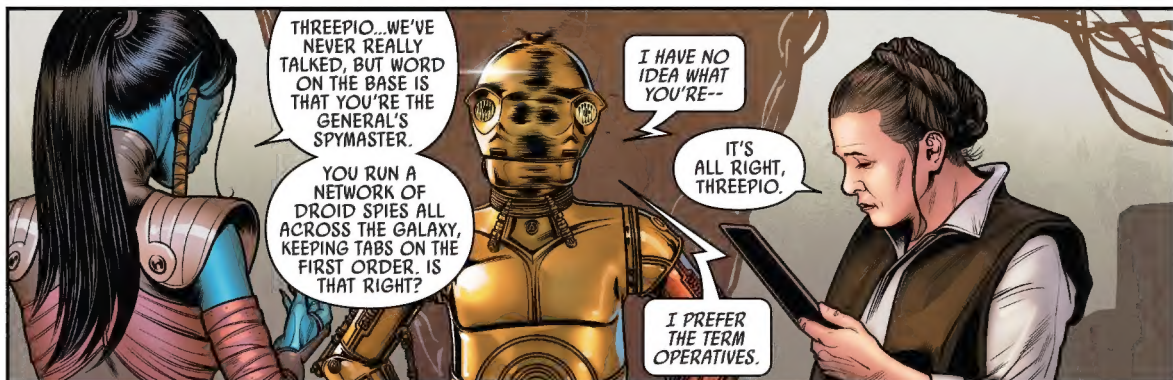
TALK ABOUT THE NORMAL, SKILLED, GOOD PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO HELP THE RESISTANCE. PUBLIC INTEREST STUFF.

GET PEOPLE TO IDENTIFY WITH THE CAUSE. SEE THEMSELVES IN YOU.

HM. I DON'T LOVE IT... BUT I SEE HOW IT COULD HELP. WE'LL GET STARTED.



NOT SO FAST. THAT'S ONLY HALF OF IT. WE NEED TO SHOW PEOPLE THE TRUTH--BUT NOT JUST ABOUT THE RESISTANCE.



THREEPIO...WE'VE NEVER REALLY TALKED, BUT WORD ON THE BASE IS THAT YOU'RE THE GENERAL'S SPYMASTER.

YOU RUN A NETWORK OF DROID SPIES ALL ACROSS THE GALAXY, KEEPING TABS ON THE FIRST ORDER. IS THAT RIGHT?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE--

IT'S ALL RIGHT, THREEPIO.

I PREFER THE TERM OPERATIVES.



SO, YOU KNOW WHERE THE FIRST ORDER HAS OPERATIONS RIGHT NOW--PLACES WE COULD GET FOOTAGE? SHOW PEOPLE BACK IN THE NEW REPUBLIC WHAT THEY'RE REALLY LIKE?

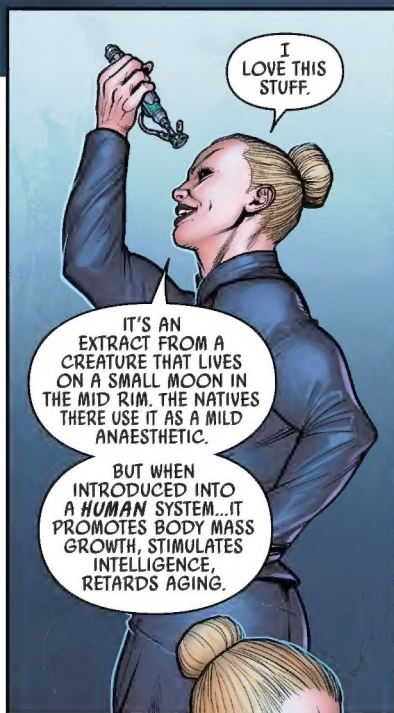
I HAVE A FEW LOCATIONS THAT WOULD SUIT THAT PURPOSE, YES.

GREAT. BECAUSE I THINK THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU'VE JUST BEEN TELLING EVERYONE HOW BAD THE FIRST ORDER IS. FOR THIS TO WORK...

First Order Space. The *Enshado*.



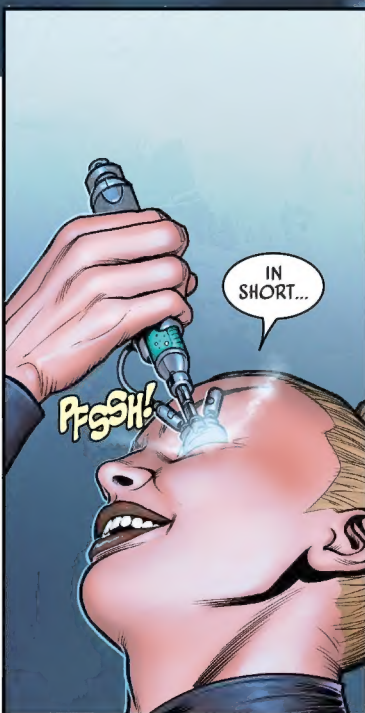
"...WE HAVE TO
SHOW THEM."



I LOVE THIS
STUFF.

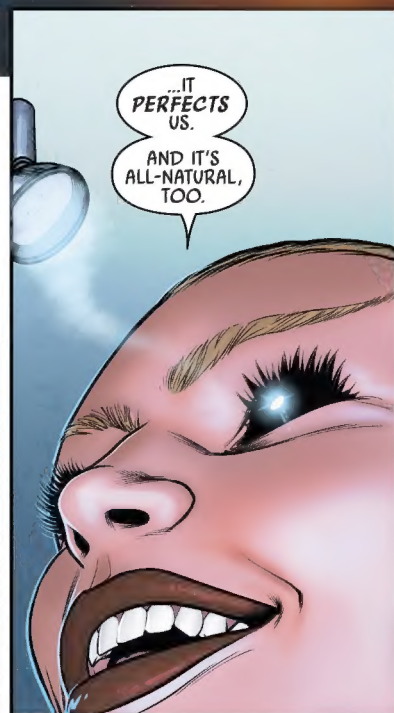
IT'S AN
EXTRACT FROM A
CREATURE THAT LIVES
ON A SMALL MOON IN
THE MID RIM. THE NATIVES
THERE USE IT AS A MILD
ANAESTHETIC.

BUT WHEN
INTRODUCED INTO
A **HUMAN** SYSTEM...IT
PROMOTES BODY MASS
GROWTH, STIMULATES
INTELLIGENCE,
RETARDS AGING.



IN
SHORT...

PFSH!



...IT
PERFECTS
US.

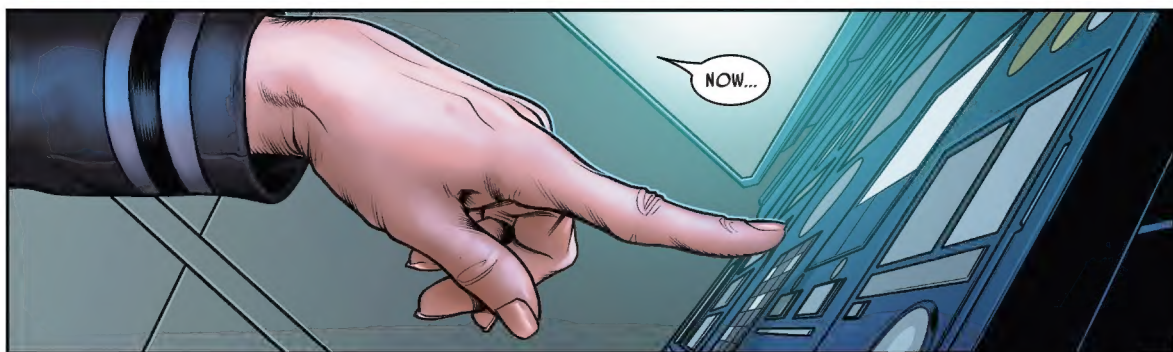
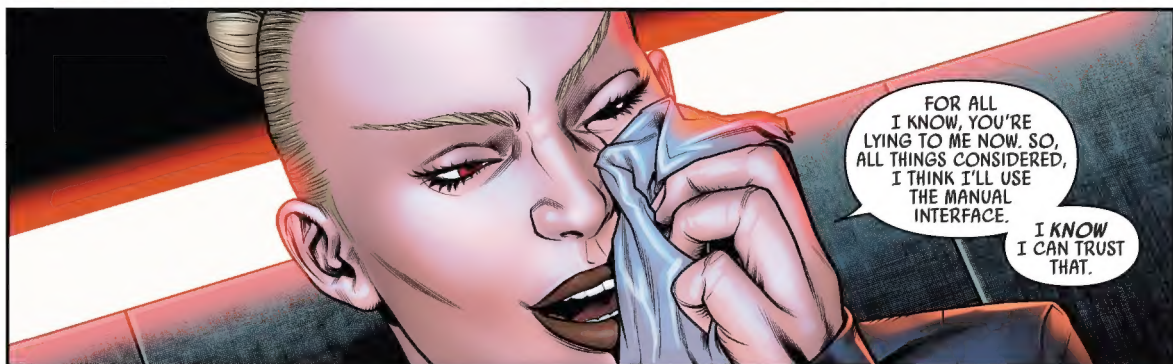
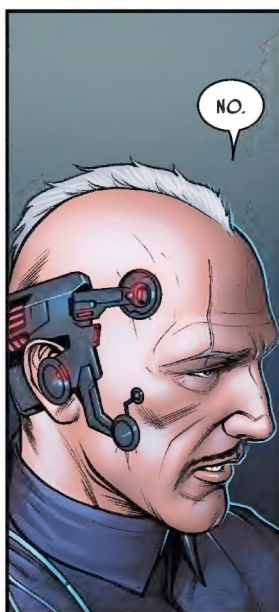
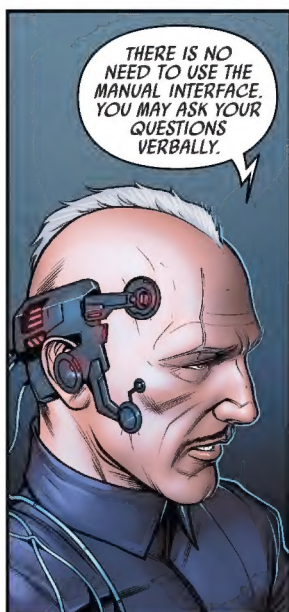
AND IT'S
ALL-NATURAL,
TOO.



NOT LIKE
THOSE **IMPLANTS**
PHASMA INSTALLED
IN YOUR BRAIN,
EH, TEREX?

KTNK!

NO,
COMMANDER
MALARUS. NOT
LIKE THESE IMPLANTS
PHASMA INSTALLED
IN MY BRAIN.





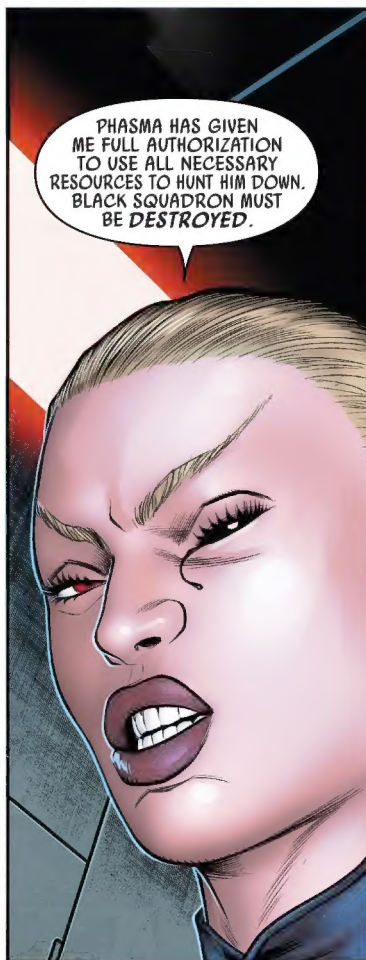
...LET'S TALK ABOUT POE DAMERON.

NNNNNGH!



THAT PILOT... THAT **ONE** PILOT, ALONG WITH HIS BLACK SQUADRON, HAS BEEN FLYING RINGS AROUND THE FIRST ORDER FOR **FAR** TOO LONG.

WORSE, HE EMBARRASSED **ME** DURING THAT DEBACLE WITH THE FUEL TANKER.



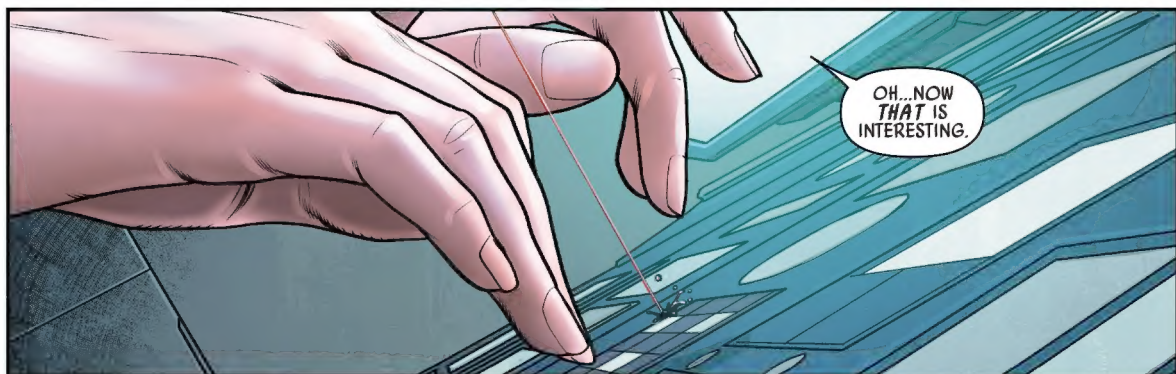
PHASMA HAS GIVEN ME FULL AUTHORIZATION TO USE ALL NECESSARY RESOURCES TO HUNT HIM DOWN. BLACK SQUADRON MUST BE **DESTROYED**.



AS A CHILD, IF I WANTED TO EAT, I HAD TO **HUNT**. IT'S ACTUALLY NOT THAT HARD, IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND YOUR PREY.

YOU KNOW DAMERON AS WELL AS ANYONE IN THE FIRST ORDER, TEREX. SO, TELL ME...WHERE WOULD HE GO NEXT?

WHAT DOES **HE** WANT?



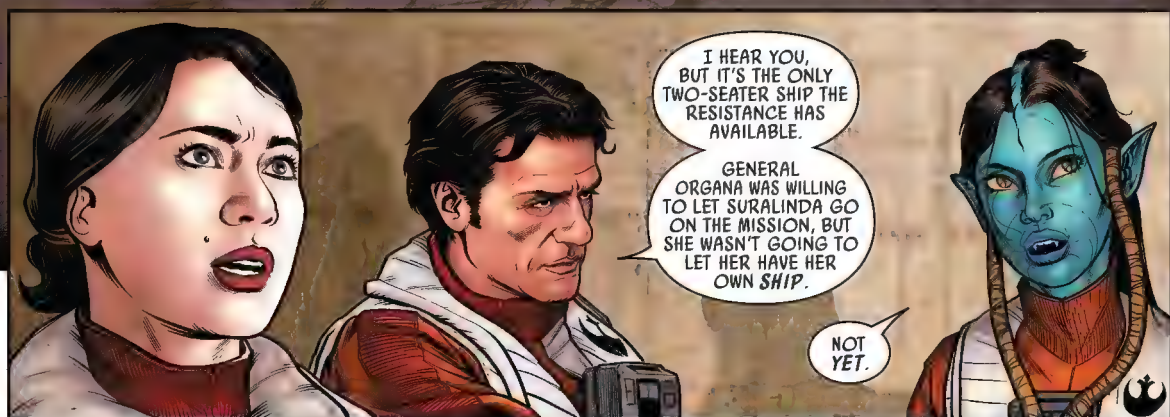
OH...NOW **THAT** IS INTERESTING.



A BTL-S3?
THIS THING'S AN
ANTIQUE.

THESE
THINGS WON THE
REBELLION, JESS!
TOUGH AS NAILS,
ARMED TO
THE TEETH...

SLOWER THAN
DIRT, HANDLES
LIKE YOU STRAPPED
WINGS TO A
HUTT...



I HEAR YOU,
BUT IT'S THE ONLY
TWO-SEATER SHIP THE
RESISTANCE HAS
AVAILABLE.

GENERAL
ORGANA WAS WILLING
TO LET SURALINDA GO
ON THE MISSION, BUT
SHE WASN'T GOING TO
LET HER HAVE HER
OWN SHIP.

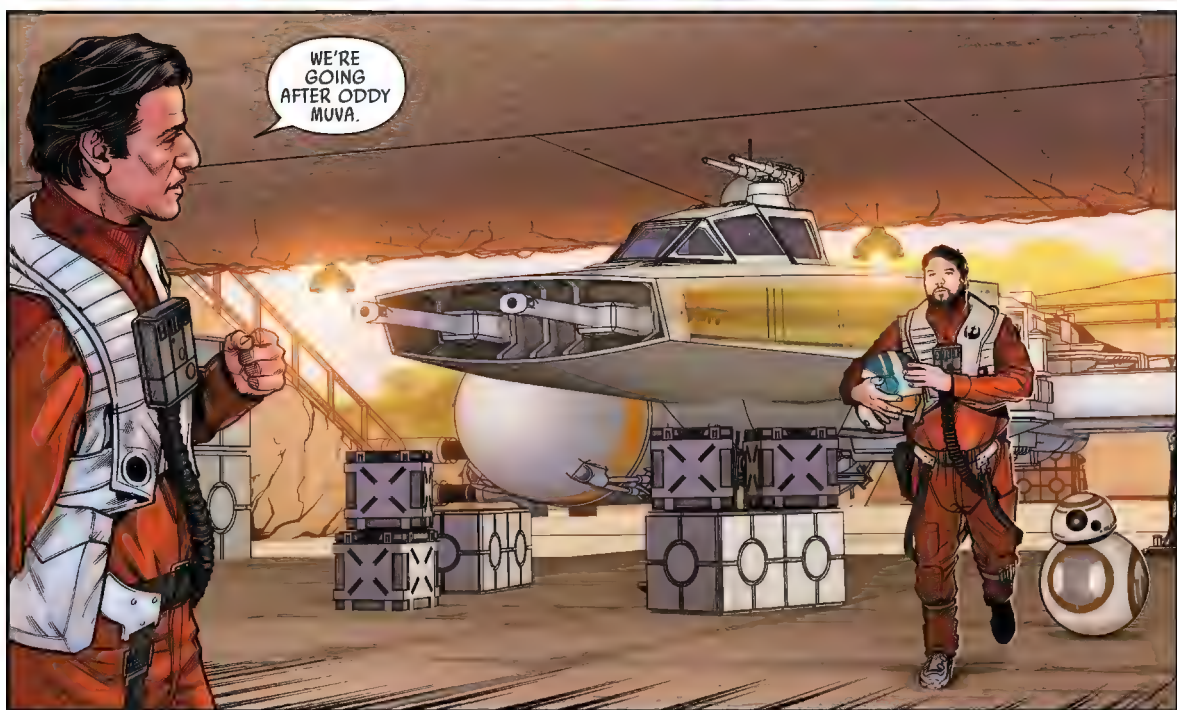
NOT
YET.

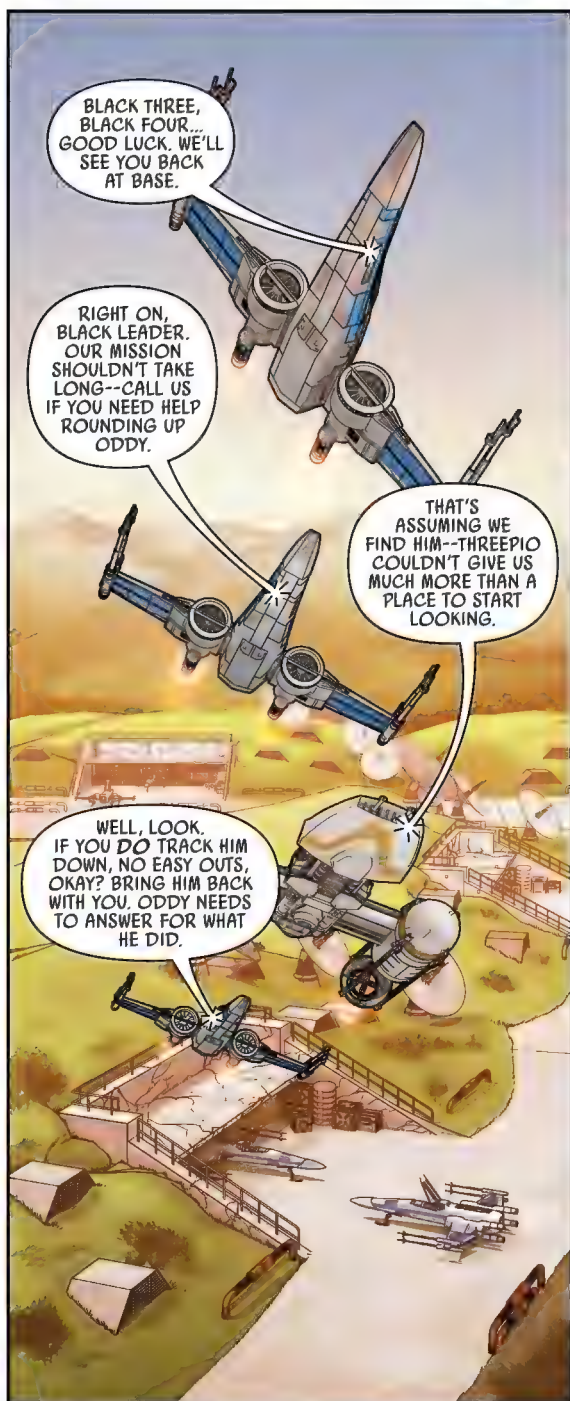


DIDN'T
YOU TRY TO
BETRAY US NOT
SO LONG
AGO?

THAT WAS A
MISUNDERSTANDING.
BY ME. I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND HOW
IMPORTANT THE
RESISTANCE
REALLY IS.

I DO NOW...
AND IF YOU GIVE
ME A CHANCE, I
THINK YOU'LL
SEE THAT.



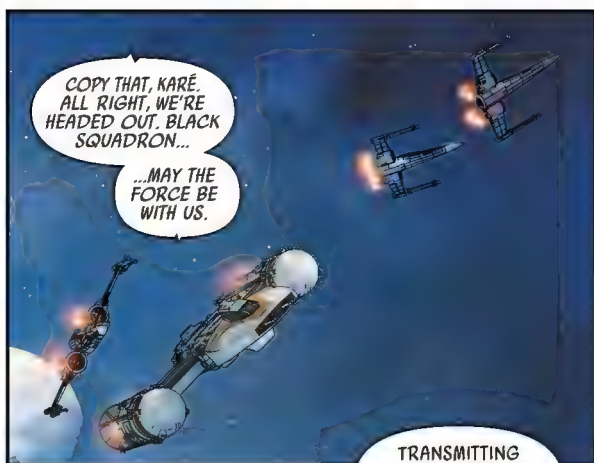


BLACK THREE,
BLACK FOUR...
GOOD LUCK. WE'LL
SEE YOU BACK
AT BASE.

RIGHT ON,
BLACK LEADER.
OUR MISSION
SHOULDN'T TAKE
LONG--CALL US
IF YOU NEED HELP
ROUNDING UP
ODDY.

THAT'S
ASSUMING WE
FIND HIM--THREEPIO
COULDN'T GIVE US
MUCH MORE THAN A
PLACE TO START
LOOKING.

WELL, LOOK.
IF YOU DO TRACK HIM
DOWN, NO EASY OUTS,
OKAY? BRING HIM BACK
WITH YOU. ODDY NEEDS
TO ANSWER FOR WHAT
HE DID.



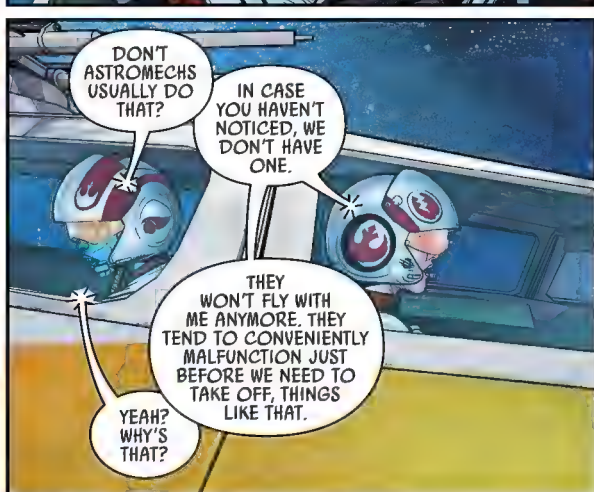
COPY THAT, KARE.
ALL RIGHT, WE'RE
HEADED OUT. BLACK
SQUADRON...

...MAY THE
FORCE BE
WITH US.



TRANSMITTING
COORDINATES FOR
THE HYPERJUMP, JESS.
WE CAN GO WHEN
YOU'RE READY.

THANKS,
KARE--
APPRECIATE
THE ASSIST.



DON'T
ASTROMECHS
USUALLY DO
THAT?

IN CASE
YOU HAVEN'T
NOTICED, WE
DON'T HAVE
ONE.

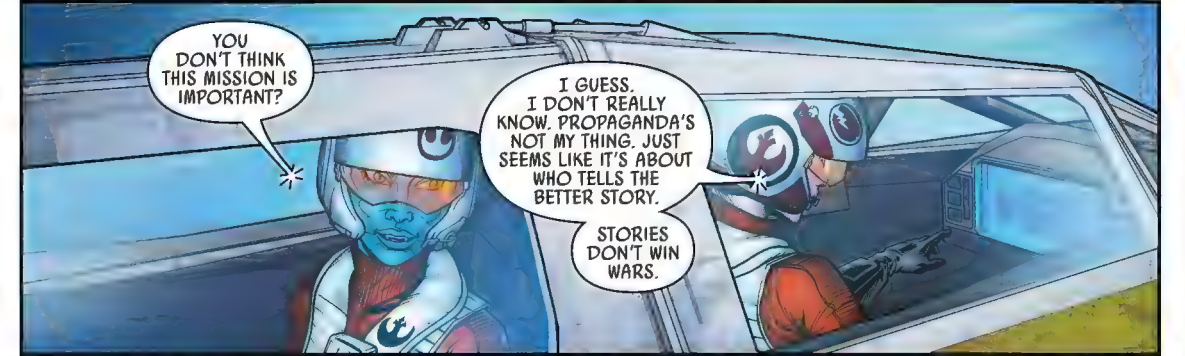
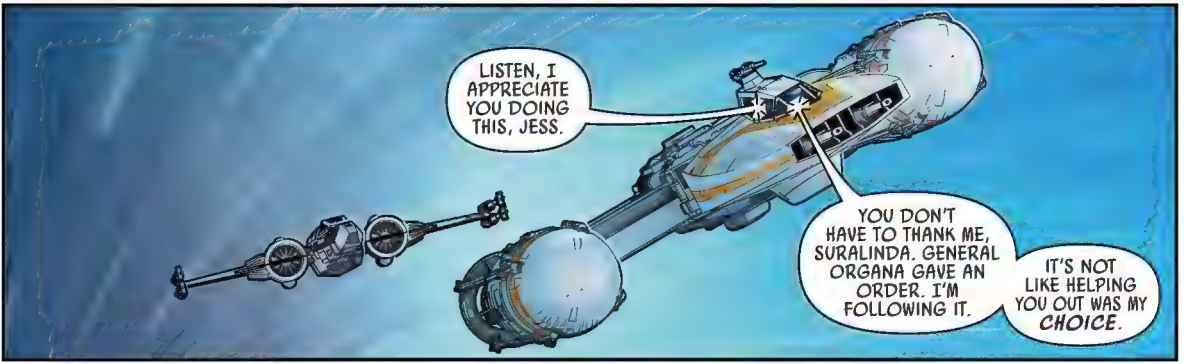
THEY
WON'T FLY WITH
ME ANYMORE. THEY
TEND TO CONVENIENTLY
MALFUNCTION JUST
BEFORE WE NEED TO
TAKE OFF, THINGS
LIKE THAT.

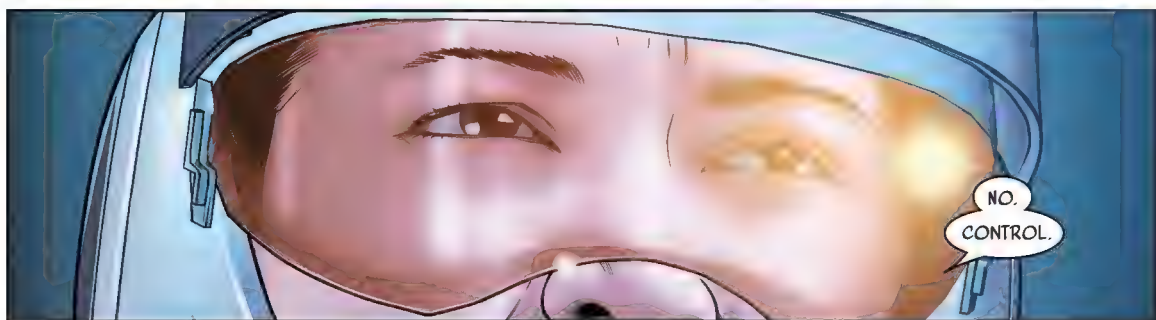
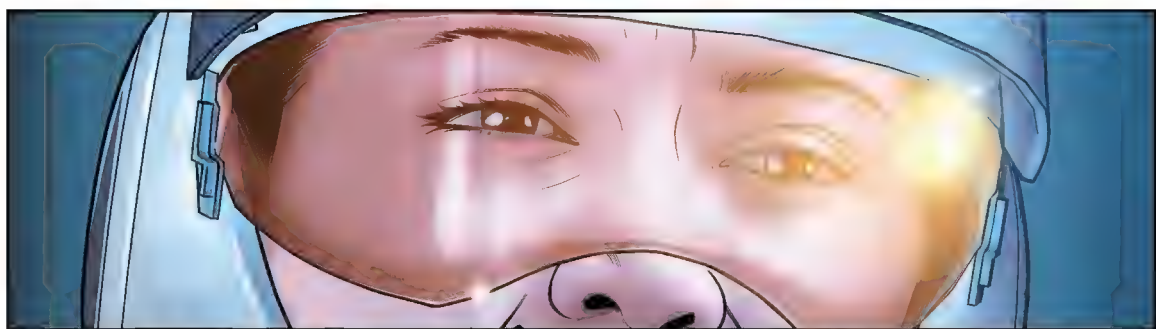
YEAH?
WHY'S
THAT?

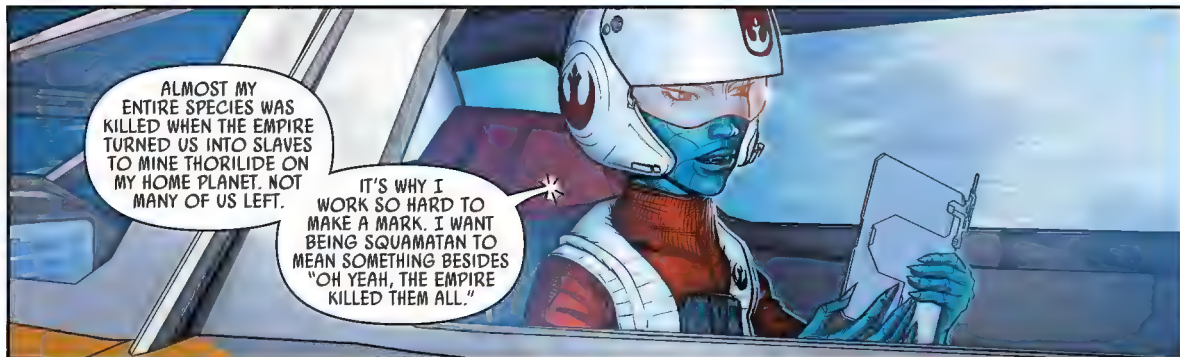
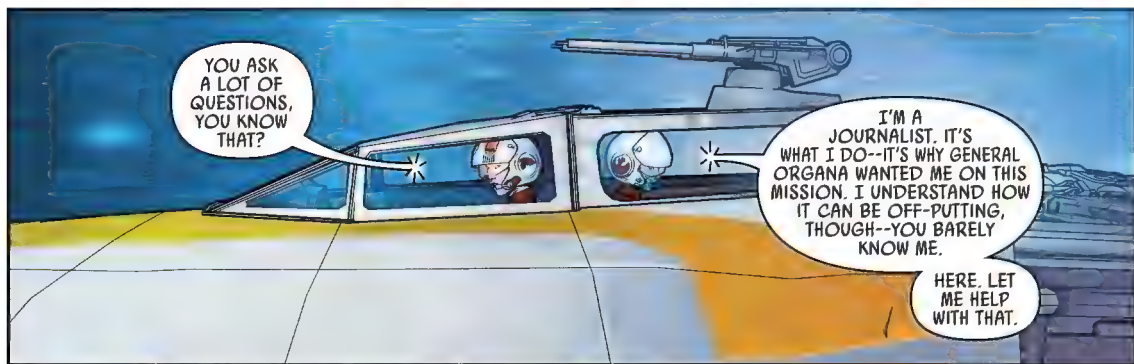


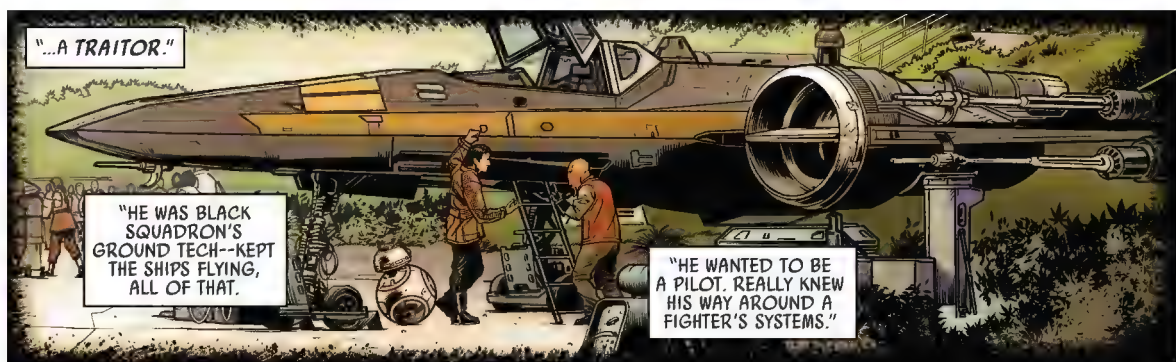
THEY
DON'T WANT
TO DIE.

AH. THAT'S
ENCOURAGING.









"...A TRAITOR."

"HE WAS BLACK SQUADRON'S GROUND TECH--KEPT THE SHIPS FLYING, ALL OF THAT."

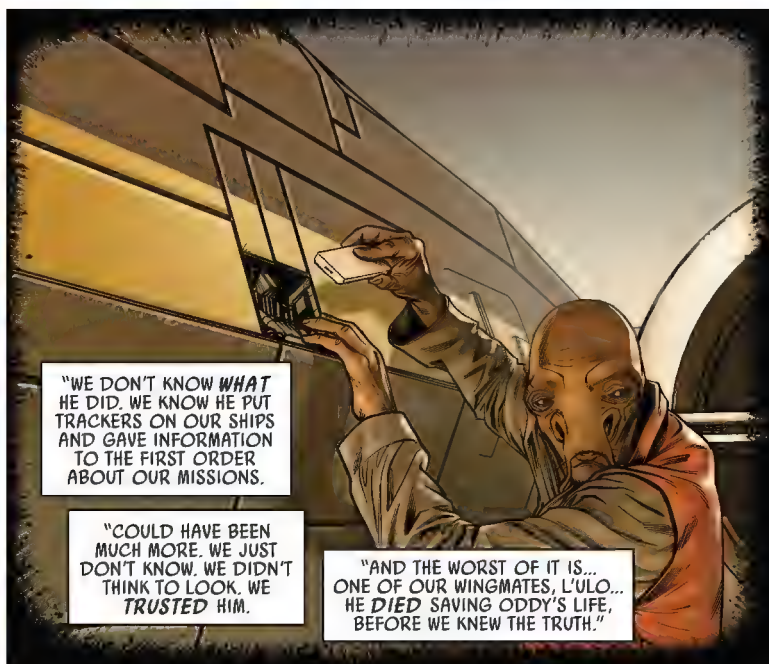
"HE WANTED TO BE A PILOT. REALLY KNEW HIS WAY AROUND A FIGHTER'S SYSTEMS."



YEAH. HE HELPED ME IMPLEMENT MOST OF THE MODS ON MY T-70. I'VE BEEN GOING OVER THEM WITH A FINE-TOOTHED COMB EVER SINCE WE FOUND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM.

NEVER KNOW WHAT LITTLE SURPRISES HE MIGHT HAVE STASHED AWAY.

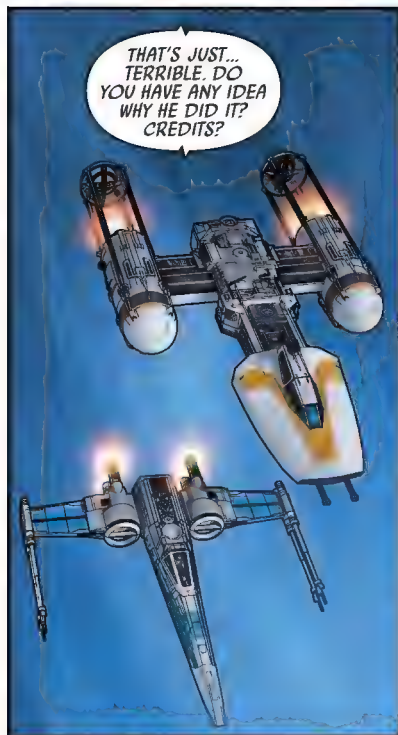
YEAH. THAT'S THE PROBLEM.



"WE DON'T KNOW *WHAT* HE DID. WE KNOW HE PUT TRACKERS ON OUR SHIPS AND GAVE INFORMATION TO THE FIRST ORDER ABOUT OUR MISSIONS."

"COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE. WE JUST DON'T KNOW. WE DIDN'T THINK TO LOOK. WE *TRUSTED* HIM."

"AND THE WORST OF IT IS... ONE OF OUR WINGMATES, L'ULO... HE *DIED* SAVING ODDY'S LIFE, BEFORE WE KNEW THE TRUTH."



THAT'S JUST... TERRIBLE. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY HE DID IT? CREDITS?



"WE REALLY DON'T KNOW. HONESTLY, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE."

"ODDY ESCAPED BEFORE WE COULD CAPTURE HIM."

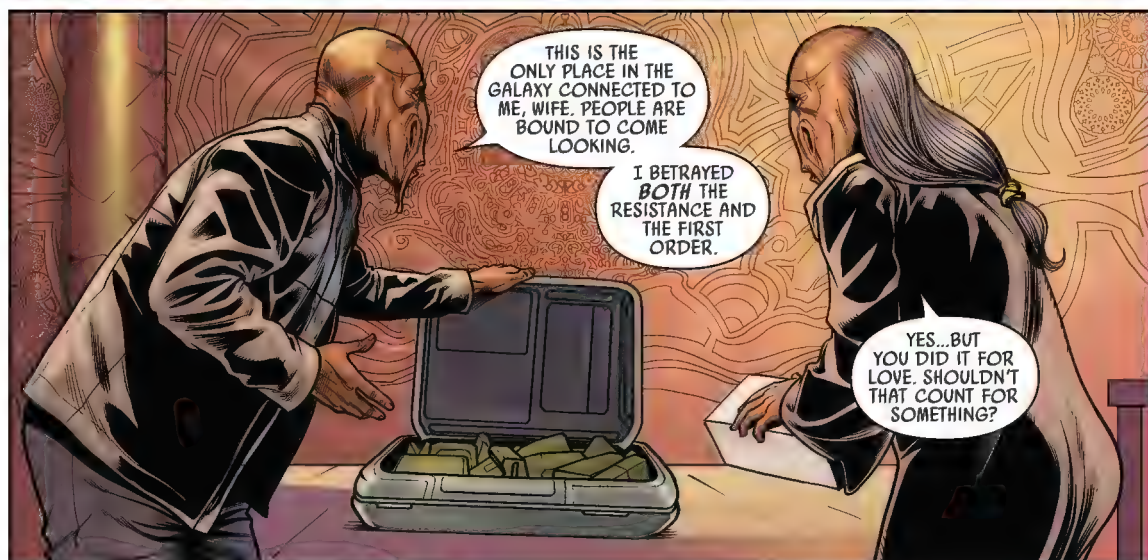
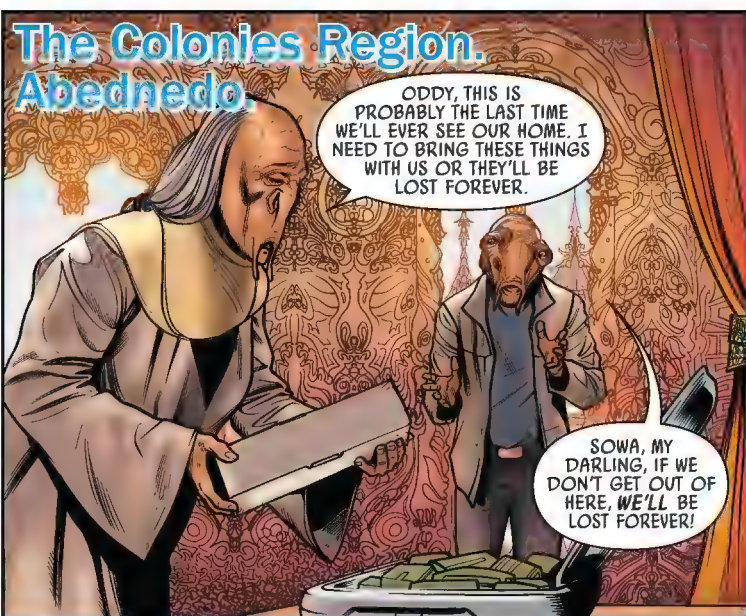


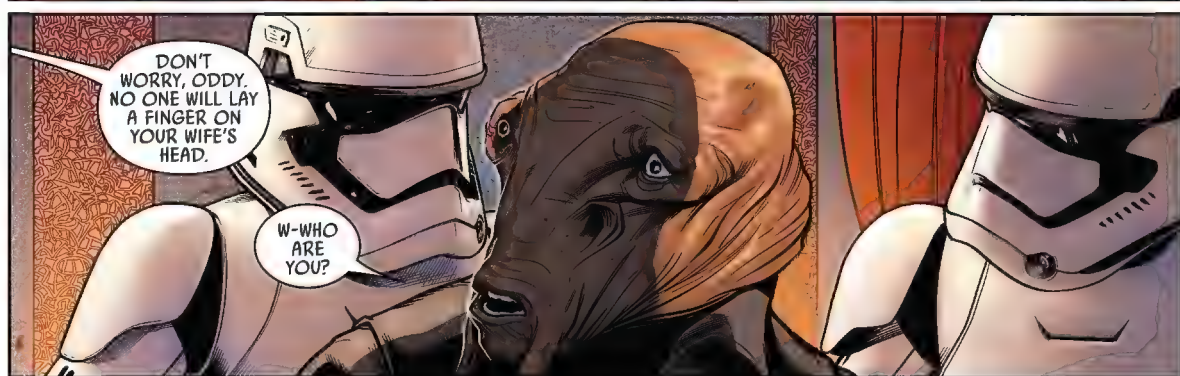
"BUT NOW HE'S GOT POE DAMERON AND SNAP WEXLEY LOOKING FOR HIM."

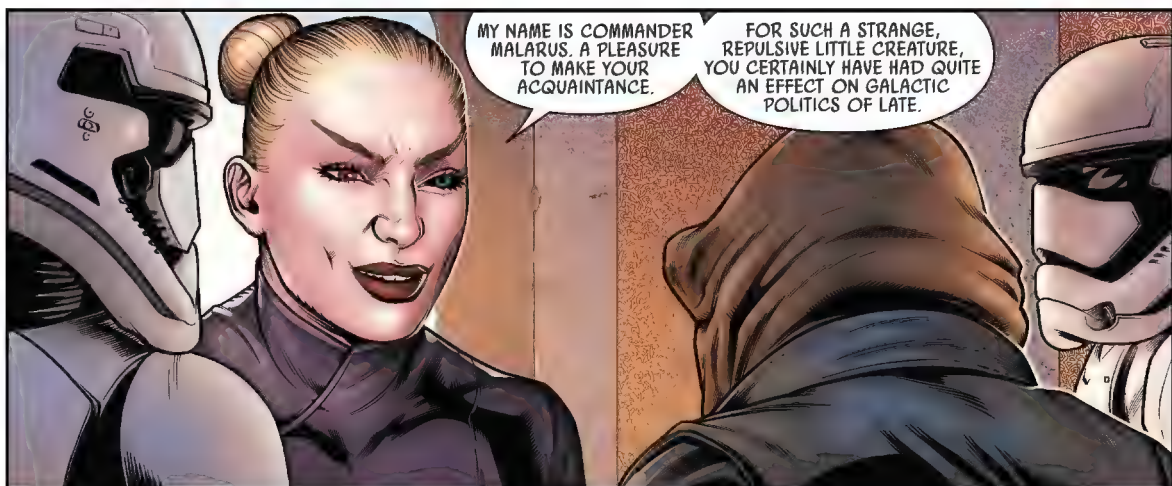
"AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?"



The Colonies Region. Abednedo

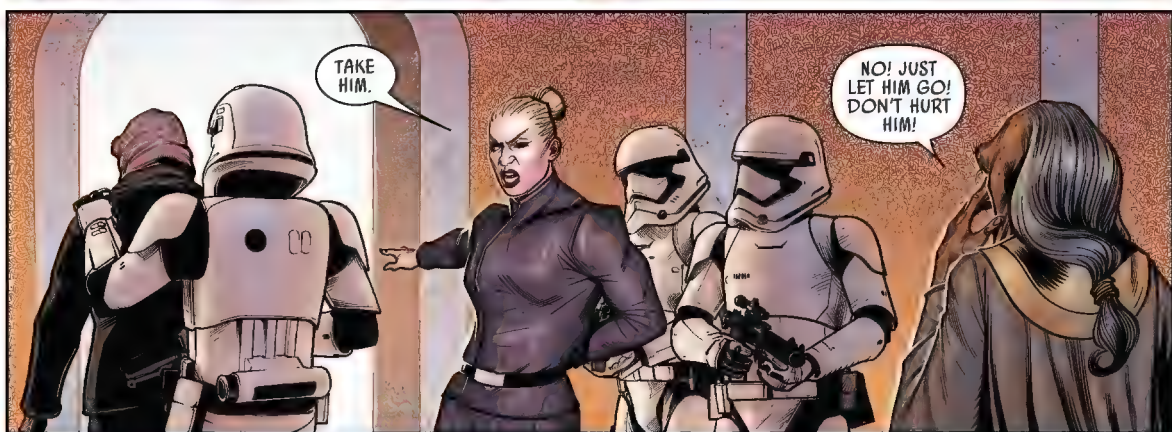






MY NAME IS COMMANDER
MALARUS. A PLEASURE
TO MAKE YOUR
ACQUAINTANCE.

FOR SUCH A STRANGE,
REPULSIVE LITTLE CREATURE,
YOU CERTAINLY HAVE HAD QUITE
AN EFFECT ON GALACTIC
POLITICS OF LATE.



TAKE
HIM.

NO! JUST
LET HIM GO!
DON'T HURT
HIM!

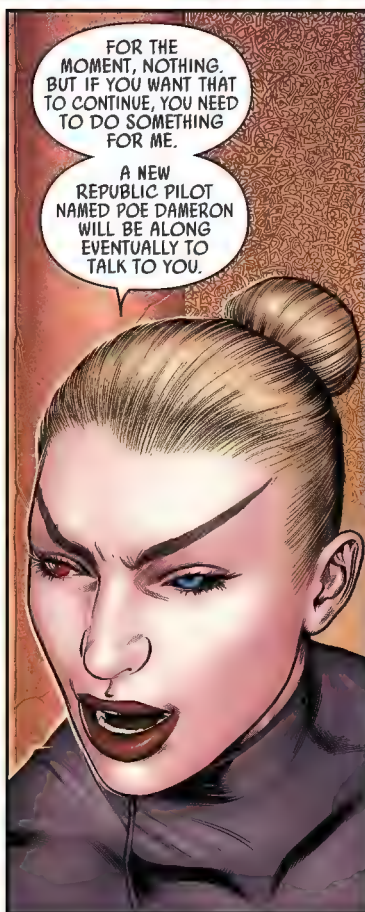


AH, YES.
SOWA CHUAN.
ODDY'S WIFE. THE
MOTIVATING FACTOR
BEHIND ALL OF THIS
MISFORTUNE.

I CONFESS,
I'VE NEVER REALLY
SEEN THE POINT OF
ROMANCE.

AFTER ALL,
LOOKING AT YOUR
CURRENT SITUATION,
DON'T YOU THINK
YOU'D BOTH BE BETTER
OFF IF YOU AND YOUR
HUSBAND HAD
NEVER MET?

W-WHAT
ARE YOU GOING
TO DO TO HIM?
TO ME?

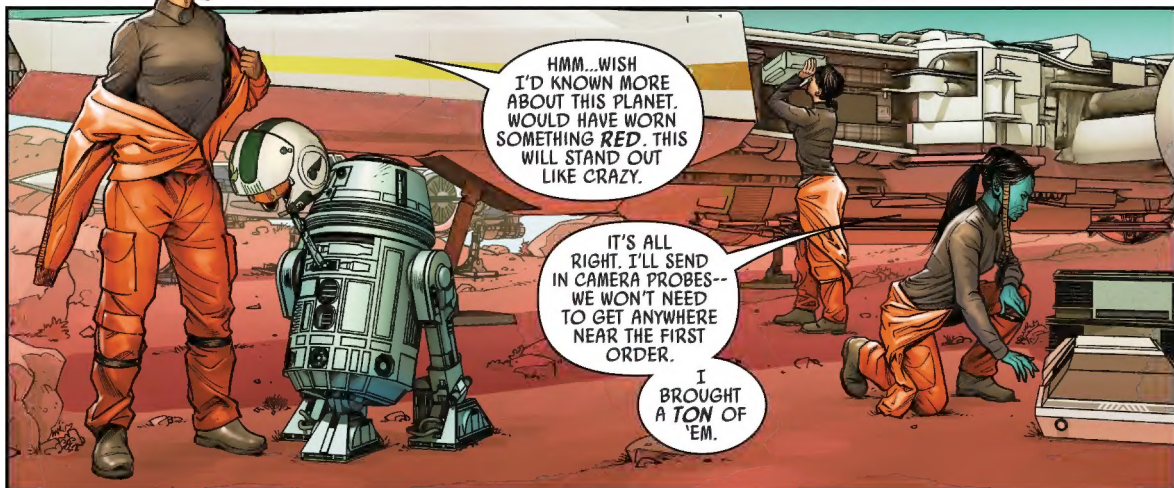
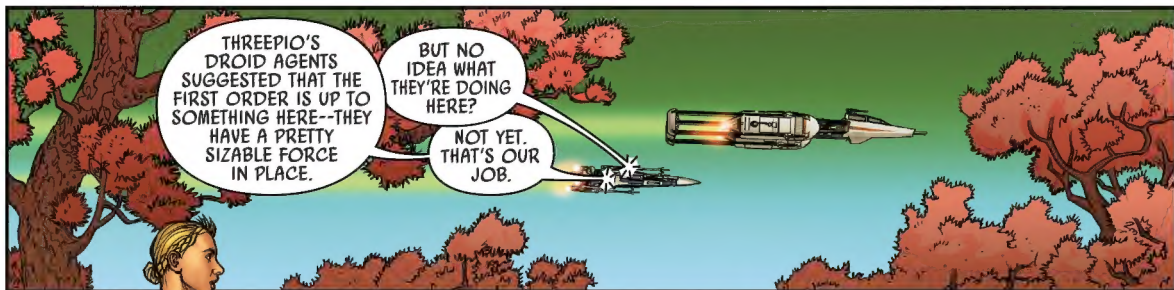
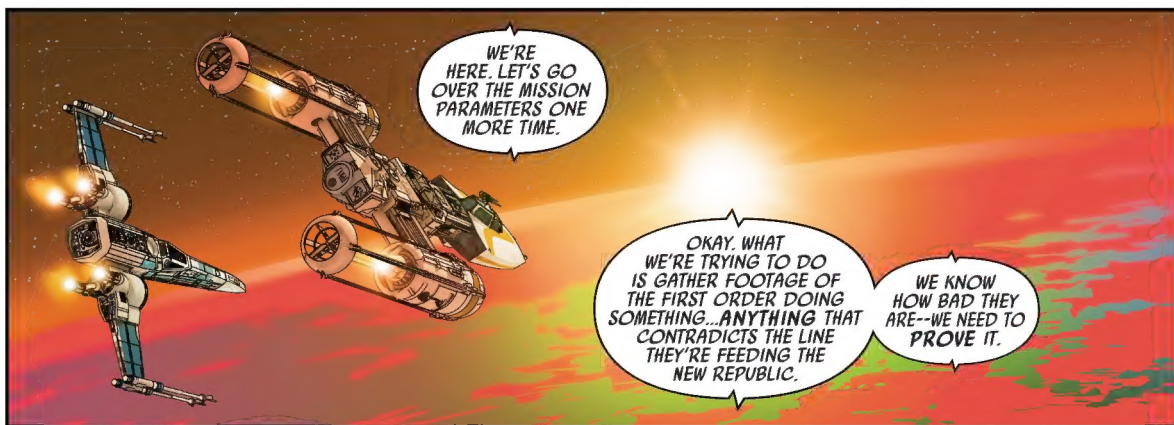


FOR THE
MOMENT, NOTHING.
BUT IF YOU WANT THAT
TO CONTINUE, YOU NEED
TO DO SOMETHING
FOR ME.

A NEW
REPUBLIC PILOT
NAMED POE DAMERON
WILL BE ALONG
EVENTUALLY TO
TALK TO YOU.



WHEN HE
GETS HERE...
THIS IS WHAT I
WANT YOU TO
TELL HIM.



"...YOU
CAN'T EXPECT
A SMOKING
GUN."



POE DAMERON

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With

**BLACK MANTA
EMPIRE**



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